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Comments: I support the Pactola Reservoir-Rapid Creek mineral withdrawal. This is an imperative opportunity to save one of the most beautiful and special places in Lakota Country. I also support expanding the area covered by the withdrawal to include all federal lands in the Black Hills.

These sacred lands, which nourish so many Native and non-Native communities downstream with clean water, should be preserved and pristine forever. The Pactola Reservoir provides fresh water and a beautiful place for South Dakotans to experience natural wonders.

Please say YES to the Pactola Reservoir-Rapid Creek Watershed withdrawal. The Forest Service must do an Environmental Assessment and a finding of No Significant Impact when the EA has been completed.

Sincerely and with gratitude,

Jamilah Elder